

DATES: The closing date for filing comments is extended from November 20, 1989, to February 20, 1990.

ADDRESS: Address comments to Dockets Unit (DHM-30), Office of Hazardous Materials Transportation, RSPA, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590. Comments should identify the docket and notice number and be submitted, when possible, in five copies. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments should include a self-addressed, stamped postcard. The Dockets Unit is located in Room 8421 of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, except public holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth Romo, Standards Division, (202) 368-4488, or James K. O'Steen, Technical Division, (202) 368-4545, Office of Hazardous Materials Transportation, 400 Seventh St SW., Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 21, 1989, RSPA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register (Docket HM-198A, Notice No. 89-8, 54 FR 38930). The NPRM invited public comment on a proposal to regulate materials which pose a hazard due to their elevated temperatures while transported. RSPA has received petitions from Shell Oil Company, the Aluminum Recyclers Association, the Asphalt Institute, and the Aluminum Association citing the potential impact of the proposal on a number of diverse organizations and industries, many of whom manufacture and ship materials currently not subject to the Hazardous Materials Regulations. The petitioners requested additional time to evaluate the proposal contained in the NPRM. RSPA agrees additional time should be allowed and is granting an extension of 90 days for submitting comments.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Parts 171, 172, and 173

[Docket No. HM-198A, Notice No. 89-8]

Elevated Temperature Materials; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Proposed rule; Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On September 21, 1989, RSPA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the Federal Register, which invited public comment on a proposal to regulate materials which pose a hazard in transportation due to their elevated temperatures (Docket HM-198A, Notice No. 89-8, 54 FR 38930). RSPA has received several requests from petitioners seeking an extension of the comment period in order to have more time to evaluate the proposals contained in the NPRM. RSPA concurs with the requests and is extending the comment period by 90 days.